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(Attention: WILLIAM D. BREDEWEG)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (62-2971) (P)

SUBJECT: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY,
ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
(CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185)
Bufile: 62-117194SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE (SCLC) V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY,
ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
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Re Bureau airtel to Albany, copies to all offices, 2/17/77; Bureau airtel to Atlanta, Detroit, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Newark, New York, Sacramento, Savannah, and WFO, 4/12/77.; and Bureau telephone call to Atlanta, 5/9/77.

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of an inventory list which sets forth the identity of Atlanta communications that the Atlanta Office is forwarding to FBIHQ as an enclosure to this airtel in connection with captioned matter.

In addition, two copies of this inventory list itself are being enclosed for recipient offices.

Referenced Bureau airtel of 2/17/77, advised of the dismissal of both civil actions in captioned matter, but per a court order, the Bureau requested each office to transmit to FBIHQ all known copies of tape recordings, transcripts and logs resulting from the FBI's microphonic and telephonic surveillances between 1963 and 1968 of the plaintiff organization's former president; MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., his home, places of public accomodation occupied by him and of the plaintiff organization's offices in Atlanta, Georgia, and New York City, New York. FBIHQ subsequently advised that only the tapes, transcripts and logs should be sent to FBIHQ and not communications that included paraphrases of these elsur.

Atlanta had an electronic surveillance (elsur) on the residence of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., Atlanta, Georgia, and the Atlanta SCLC Office from approximately 1963-1966.

Atlanta had no known tapes or transcripts of any of these elsur, but Atlanta did have logs which contained information from these elsur and these logs were sent to FBIHQ by Atlanta on 3/14/77 for inclusion in the National Archives.

Referenced Buairtel of 4/12/77, then instructed recipients that the Department had advised that to comply with the court order in this matter it would now be necessary to locate paraphrases of this elsur information that was included in communications.

AT 62-2971

As a result, FBIHQ and recipient offices are requested to review the enclosed inventory list and then locate and retrieve the copies of Atlanta communications designated for FBIHQ and each office. All copies are to be retrieved and sent to FBIHQ, Attention: Mr. WILLIAM D. BREDEWEG, and in addition, send two copies of an inventory list of these retrieved Atlanta communications to FBIHQ.

INVENTORY LIST

Re: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

There is set forth below an inventory of the Atlanta communications that are being forwarded to FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ) by Atlanta in connection with captioned matter for inclusion in the National Archives. These communications contained paraphrased electronic surveillance (elsur) information obtained through the Atlanta elsur on the residence of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., Atlanta, Georgia, and/or the Atlanta SCLC Office during the 1960's.

These communications were taken from Atlanta file 157-698, Volume 5, and where these communications showed dissemination to Atlanta files, all these copies have been retrieved and are attached as enclosures to the serial listed below, which is being sent to FBIHQ:

- 1) Serial 354 of Atlanta 157-698, which is Atlanta memo of SA ALAN G. SENTINELLA, 2/18/66, captioned, "COMINFIL OF SCLC, IS-C", copies designated for Atlanta only.

(Item 1 previously retrieved by Atlanta; however, this particular copy not located initially.)

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, (157-698)

DATE: 5/5/77

FROM : SA

SUBJECT:

Randolph Blackwell

As per instructions of a court order in the case captioned "BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, et al (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NO. 76-1185 and SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, et al (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NO. 76-1186", the following serials have been removed from this file and sent to FBIHQ for inclusion in the National Archives:

Volume	Serials (List by serial or serial scope.)
5	308, 260, 262, 258, 257, 265, 266, 270,
	272, 269, 273, 274, 275, 277, 279, 280, 281, 283,
	290, 291, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 284 & 5, 288
	293 & 4, 302, 303, 304, 309, 392, 324, 312, 311
	339, 315, 316, 330, 333 & 4, 313 & 14, 331 & 2, 335 & 6, 341,
	311, 329, 340, 342, 344, 345, 343, 319-20, 317-18,
	351, 352, 353, 355, 363, 373, 371, 369, 379, 346,
	348, 375, 356, 357, 360, 325 & 6, 337 & 8, 393 & 4, 327 & 8
	359, 358, 377, 378, 379, 380, 383, 384, 390, 391
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FD-350 (3-21-58)

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If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent: Date Dictated 2/17/66 to CMP Transcribed 2/17/66 Authenticated by Informant 3/3/66		Date of Report 2/16/66 Date(s) of activity 2/12/66
Brief description of activity or material SCLC Emergency Financial Meeting.		File where original is located if not attached FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

Remarks:

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FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

- 1 - 100-5218 (SCLC)
- 1 - 157-895 (Hosea Williams)
- ① - 157-698 (R. T. Blackwell)
- 1 - 100-5586 (M. L. King, Jr.)
- 1 - 157-621 (Andrew Young)

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"Atlanta, Georgia

2/16/66

"On 2/12/66, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference held an emergency meeting to examine its immediate financial condition.

"During the meeting there was some discussion of various SCLC departmental budgets. Hosea Williams complained that some people had been submitting requisitions to be charged against his budget and that he had no knowledge of such requisitions. He referred to Randolph T. Blackwell and Andrew Young as both having done this in the past.

"Dr. King indicated that he was concerned such practices existed. He told Williams, however, that one of the reasons why Blackwell had on one occasion initiated a requisition in the amount of \$200 without consulting Williams first was simply because Blackwell was afraid to ask Williams for funds. Dr. King reminded Williams that he and Blackwell had a personality clash which they should solve and it was for this reason that Blackwell did not consult Williams before initiating the aforementioned requisition.

"Andrew Young said he had to plead guilty to Williams' charge. He pointed out that on occasions matters come up which require prompt attention and he had on occasions been responsible for initiating requisitions charged against Williams' budget and failing to advise Williams of such action thereafter.

"Williams explained the reason he wished to point out the foregoing matters concerning his budget was because he did not feel his expenditure of SCLC funds was as great as some individuals in the organization alleged. He again stressed the point that some of the expenditures charged to him are actually made by other people in the organization without his knowledge."

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Brief description of activity or material SCLC Emergency Financial meeting		

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FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

- 1 - 100-5586 (M. L. King, Jr.)
- 1 - 157-257 (Ralph Abernathy)
- ① - 157-698 (R. T. Blackwell)
- 1 - 157-621 (Andrew Young)
- 1 - 157-973 (Junius Griffin)
- 1 - 100-6684 (James Harrison)
- 1 - 100-5718 (SCLC)

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"Atlanta, Georgia
2/16/66

"On 2/12/66, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference held an emergency meeting to examine its immediate financial condition. Present at the meeting was Dr. King, Dr. Abernathy, Randolph T. Blackwell, Hosea Williams, Chauncey Eskridge, Stanley Levison, Clarence Jones, Andy Young, Junius Griffin; Mrs. Sadler who is comptroller of the organization, was also present. The meeting was held at the Southern Christian Leadership Conference located at 334 Auburn Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia. The meeting lasted all day from approximately 9 o'clock to 5 o'clock in the evening. The meeting was presided over by the conference president, Dr. Martin Luther King. Dr. King expressed the desire to eliminate all debts owed by the conference. The matter was discussed at length and it was decided that \$35,000 would be borrowed from Citizens Trust Company to cover the accounts payable now outstanding on the Southern Christian Leadership Conference books.

"Harrison made a point after it had been decided that he felt that we should not borrow the money at this time. Since we would be anticipating funds from outside sources that we should not encumber ourselves into further debt. Dr. King told him he appreciated his remarks but felt that because of the mental weight that it had on him that he felt we should eliminate the debt immediately and he would feel much better. Dr. King expressed a desire to borrow \$35,000 from the Citizens Trust Company. The loan as of this date is being negotiated with the Citizens Trust Company and it looks favorable that the Southern Christian Leadership Conference will obtain the loan.

"The loan will be of unsecured nature in that it will not be secured by any assets of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. The parties who will sign the loan as officers of the conference will be Andrew Young, Ralph Abernathy, and Dr. King."

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (100-5718) DATE: 3/15/66

FROM : SA ALAN G. SENTINELLA

SUBJECT: COMINFIL OF SCLC
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On 3/10/66, [] furnished a list of names captioned "Salary and Wage Schedule" setting forth the names of individuals assigned to various departments of SCLC and information regarding each individual's SCLC salary. Informant advised this schedule was prepared by SCLC on 2/11/66 for use on 2/12/66 at a conference arranged by MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. for the purpose of examining SCLC's financial condition and determining methods of raising money for SCLC.

1 - 100-5718

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- 1 - 157-1342 (John Barber)
- 1 - 157-710 (Dorothy Gaines)
- 1 - 157-653 (Bernard Lee)
- 1 - 157-565 (Dora McDonald)
- 1 - 157-1020 (Patricia Sands)
- 1 - 157-566 (Edwina Smith)
- 1 - 157-621 (Andrew Young)
- 1 - 157-671 (Cody Perry)
- 1 - 100-6884 (James Harrison)
- 1 - 157-661 (Lillie Hunter)
- 1 - 157-892 (Mary Oatts)
- 1 - 157-639 (Dorothy Cotton)
- ① - 157-698 (R. T. Blackwell)
- 1 - 157-726 (John Calhoun)
- 1 - 157-643 (Fred Bennette)
- 1 - 157-1199 (Xernona Clayton)
- 1 - 157- (Robert Seals)
- 1 - 157-973 (Junius Griffin)
- 1 - 157-660 (Carol Hoover)
- 1 - 157-693 (Elizabeth Jones)
- 1 - 157-1397 (Debra Frankle)
- 1 - 157-983 (Ben Clark)
- 1 - 157-895 (Hosea Williams)
- 1 - 157-644 (Harry Boyte)
- 1 - 100-6737 (Rachel DuBois)
- 1 - 157-1323 (Mew Soong Li)
- 1 - 100-6882 (Karen Barker)

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In regard to the caption in this schedule of "Marshall Field Project", informant advised this pertained to citizenship. Informant stated he did not clearly understand the significance of this terminology. It was pointed out to informant this schedule omitted several names such as ROBERT GREEN and SEPTIMA CLARK of the Citizenship Department. Informant advised he could not account for these apparent omissions from the schedule. Consequently, it would appear that this schedule should not be considered as a complete listing of SCLC personnel.

A xerox copy was prepared of the schedule furnished by informant on 3/10/66 and is being submitted to the 1A section of 100-5718. Informant's schedule was returned to him on 3/10/66.

Set forth below are names of individuals appearing on the aforementioned schedule. These names are arranged under the identical caption appearing in the schedule and following each name in parenthesis is the monthly salary indicated on the schedule for each individual.

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

John Barber (625.00)
Dorothy Gaines (recently left SCLC) (337.50)
Bernard Lee (404.18)
Dora McDonald (408.34)
Patricia Sands (250.00)
Edwina Smith (358.34)
Andrew Young (875.00)
Cody Perry (262.50)

FINANCE OFFICE

Eleanor Anderson (220.00)
Mary E. Berry (250.02)
James Harrison (508.34)
Lillie A. Hunter (375.00)
Mary F. Oatts (316.66)
Sandra Bass Wilkie (220.00)
Marian Willingham (266.68)

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MARSHALL FIELD PROJECT

Dorothy Cotton (29.24)
Victoria Gray (316.66)
Annell Ponder (29.24)

PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Randolph T. Blackwell (754.08)
Frances L. Sims (291.66)
John Calhoun (100.00)
Claudette Mathews (233.34)
Martha Hall (206.58)

OPERATION BREADBASKET

Fred C. Bennette (379.16)
Rita D. Jackson (216.66)

GENERAL SERVICES

Joe Henry Byrom (260.00)
Xernona Clayton (350.00)
Robert Seals (233.34)
Ted Smith (260.00)

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Junius Griffin (625.00)
Evans Hall, III (360.26)
Carole F. Hoover (379.50)
Elizabeth R. Jones (recently left SCLC) (280.00)
Debra Frankle (300.00)

PRODUCTION

Clarence Hicks (220.00)
Benjamin J. Johnson (300.00)
William Whitsett (373.34)
Rozell C. White (216.68)

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VOTER REGISTRATION

Booker T. Bonner (350.00)
Richard Boone (250.00)
Henry Brownlee (200.00)
Benjamin Van Clark (250.00)
Golden Frinks (333.34)
Joseph L. Hankerson (200.00)
Daniel Harrell, Jr. (266.68)
Benjamin Mack (345.84)
Andrew L. Marrsett (250.00)
Albert Turner (325.00)
Calvin Turner (300.00)
Samuel Wells (295.84)
Hosea Williams (733.34)
Major Johns (327.50)
Glayscale Allen (233.34)

OPERATION DIALOGUE

Harry G. Boyte (541.68)
RACHAEL DuBois (500.00)
Mew Soong Li (666.74)
Carin Barker (250.00)

AFFILIATES

Herbert V. Coulton (500.00)
Joanna Taulman (300.00)

Dissemination of information furnished by [] should be classified Confidential because this source occupies a sensitive position with SCLC and dissemination of information furnished by this source to unauthorized individuals could reasonably result in jeopardizing his security.

Cover Sheet for Informant Report or Material
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Brief description of activity or material <u>Info re Finance Meeting</u>		File where original is located if not attached FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

Remarks: **Included in LHM.**

FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

- 1 - 100-5718 (SCLC)
- 1 - 100-6670 (CIRM)
- 1 - 100-5586 (M. L. King, Jr.)
- 1 - 157-895 (Hosea Williams)
- 1 - 157-698 (R. T. Blackwell)
- 1 - 157-621 (Andrew Young)
- 1 - 157-257 (Ralph Abernathy)
- 1 - 100-6684 (James Harrison)
- 1 - 157-661 (Lillie Hunter)

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"Atlanta, Georgia
2/9/66

"On 2/8/66, Dr. King announced by issuing a memorandum that on 2/12/66 there would be a meeting at SCLC headquarters of persons concerned with the raising of money for SCLC. Dr. King requested the following individuals to attend this meeting. Chauncey Eskridge, from Chicago, Illinois; Harry Wachtel, Stanley Levison, and Adele Kanter from New York City; Hosea Williams, Randolph T. Blackwell, Andrew J. Young, Ralph D. Abernathy, James Harrison, Lillie Hunter, Jessie Blayton (CPA), and Mrs. Sadler who is currently acting SCLC comptroller.

"This meeting is scheduled to commence at 10:00 a.m., 2/12/66 and Dr. King indicated it would be an all day session."

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Brief description of activity or material Info re SCLC personnel		File where original is located if not attached FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

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- 1 - 100-5718 (SCLC)
- 1 - 157-895 (Hosea Williams)
- 1 - 100-5586 (M. L. King, Jr.)
- 1 - 157-1342 (John Barber)
- 1 - 157-934 (Mark Harrington)
- 1 - 157-973 (Junius Griffin)
- ① - 157-698 (R. T. Blackwell)
- 1 - 100-6684 (James Harrison)
- 1 - 157-1343 (Robert Green)
- 1 - 157-643 (Fred Bennette)

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"Atlanta, Georgia
2/9/66

"On 2/7/66 a meeting was held of the SCLC executive staff. According to Hosea Williams, severe criticism was leveled against him during this staff meeting.

"Apparently a letter had been directed to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., alleging that Williams had misappropriated SCLC funds in the past and in all probability was continuing to do so. Some of the individuals who signed this letter are John Barber, Mark Harrington, Robert Green, Junius Griffin, Bob Fitch, Randolph T. Blackwell, and Fred C. Bennett.

"After Dr. King brought this letter to the attention of the executive staff a discussion ensued. During this discussion Williams asked why his records had not been brought to the attention of the executive staff and presented in such a manner to show just where he had misappropriated money. Williams also declared that James Harrison of the SCLC Finance Office had previously told him his books were in order. Williams suggested to the staff that if they felt his books were not currently in order they might request Mrs. Sadler, acting comptroller, and Harrison to currently audit his records. Williams pointed out that the staff apparently took no action predicated on his comments toward examining his records despite the allegations made in the aforementioned letter.

"Williams said at this point Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. told the staff that previously (exact time not mentioned) someone had mentioned to him that possibly none of the financial records regarding SCLC activity in Birmingham, Ala. were being maintained correctly. Dr. King said he had inquired of Harrison regarding this and had been told that such records in Birmingham were in good order. Dr. King said after having been so advised he completely forgot about the matter and wondered why at the present time such an uproar was being made of this."

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Brief description of activity or material Info re SCLC finances		File where original is located if not attached <div>FOIA(b) (7) - (D)</div>

Remarks: **No further action.**

FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

1 - 100-5718 (SCLC)
1 - 157-698 (R. T. Blackwell)
1 - 100-6684 (James Harrison)

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"Atlanta, Georgia
2/9/66

"On approximately 2/1/66, Randolph T. Blackwell paid to James Harrison of the SCLC Finance Department \$100.53 which he had owed SCLC since the 9th Annual SCLC Convention held in Birmingham, Alabama during August, 1965. This represented a surplus of money which at that time had been advanced to Blackwell by SCLC to handle certain convention expenses. The above payment by Blackwell satisfied a previous personal check he had issued to SCLC which had been returned for insufficient funds."

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Brief description of activity or material <u>Info re SCLC moving</u>		

Remarks: **No further action.**

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- 1 - 100-5718 (SCLC)
- ① - 157-698 (R. T. Blackwell)
- 1 - 100-6684 (James Harrison)
- 1 - 157-661 (Lillie Hunter)

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"Atlanta, Georgia
1/12/66

"In connection with the indication that SCLC will move its offices to a new location in the near future, it is believed that Randolph T. Blackwell probably will exert some influence in the selection of a location. It is not known whether Blackwell had anything to do with the selection of a building occupied by the Diamond Printing Company as recently referred to by Mrs. Lillie Hunter as the new location. However, it is recalled that on a prior occasion, the date of which is not now recalled, Blackwell told James Harrison he was trying to get the SCLC executive staff to move SCLC headquarters to a new location. At that time Blackwell gave no reason why he was trying to do this."

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1 - 100-6684 (James Harrison)
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"Atlanta, Georgia
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"During the annual SCLC convention held in Birmingham, Alabama during August, 1965, Randolph T. Blackwell, was furnished an undisclosed amount of cash to handle organizational expenses during the convention. It is believed this amount of cash was approximately \$400. At the conclusion of the convention Blackwell determined he had approximately \$100 left of this amount of money. During December, 1965, he furnished SCLC a personal check covering this amount. This check was returned from the bank marked insufficient funds. Blackwell was informed of this and has promised since that time to replace the funds. At one point he asked that the check be redeposited into his account, explaining that his salary check had not yet reached the account. His check was redeposited and again returned marked NSF, non-sufficient funds. Blackwell was contacted on approximately January 7 by James Harrison in regard to his NSF check. Harrison advised him that he was preparing to redeposit the check. Blackwell asked him to hold off on the matter and that he would get the funds in cash and pay Harrison for that amount. Since that time Harrison has reminded him constantly about the money and Blackwell has not yet made the check good."

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Re Atlanta teletype to Bureau and New York 2/14/66
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Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and 8 copies,
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Source referred to in the enclosed LHM is .

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(1- 157-895) (HOSEA WILLIAMS)
(1- 157-621) (ANDREW YOUNG)
(1- 100-6684) (JAMES HARRISON)
(1- 157-975) (JUNIUS GRIFFIN)
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Sources used to characterize BLACKWELL are
[] and [].

Source used to characterize CAROL HOOVER is
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Source used to characterize CLARENCE JONES is
[] Columbia University Labor Youth
League in 1954.

Source used to characterize LEVISON is NY 694-S*. ~~ES~~ U

Sources used to characterize WACHTEL are Anonymous
Source of WFO set out in report of SA JOHN J. WALSH, 7/19/50
at WFO re "NLG; IS-C" and [].

Source used to characterize BELAFONTE is NY 694-S*. ~~ES~~ U

Source advised during the conference referred to
in enclosed LHM, he was periodically engaged in ascertaining
various items of information pursuant to the requests of
some of the staff members present. Accordingly, his continuity
in following some of the discussions which took place was
interrupted. ~~ES~~ U

Referenced teletype indicated that on 2/13/66 source
advised some comments made during course of this conference
suggested the possibility of a personality clash between
LEVISON and WACHTEL. When discussing this matter with
informant in detail on 2/16/66, he stated this was simply
based on a statement at one point by ESKRIDGE made to KING.
After KING had been talking at great length on one particular
point, ESKRIDGE endeavored to get him back to the subject
under consideration and commented that HARRY WACHTEL was
not running this particular meeting. To this comment
LEVISON indicated he shared the same view as ESKRIDGE.
For a period of time during the conference, ESKRIDGE either
inadvertently or in jest addressed LEVISON as "HARRY." On
each occasion LEVISON made a point of correcting ESKRIDGE.
Informant said it was from these two items that he sensed
a slight degree of animosity toward WACHTEL on the part of
LEVISON. ~~ES~~ U

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Informant advised that the stock certificate referred to on page 2 of the enclosed LHM represents stock which was purchased at some time in the past by SCLC for approximately \$90,000. Informant said at this time he has no additional knowledge regarding this particular matter.

Dissemination of information furnished by AT 1387-S should be classified Confidential because this source occupies a sensitive position with SCLC and dissemination of information furnished by this source to unauthorized individuals could reasonably result in jeopardizing his security.

The enclosed LHM has been classified Secret because it contains information from NY 694-S*, [redacted] and [redacted]. It is felt this classification is necessary in order not to jeopardize the valuable position of the informants in furnishing information of this nature.

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN
CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On February 16, 1966, a confidential source advised Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) called a conference of several individuals on February 12, 1966. This conference was held at SCLC headquarters and lasted throughout most of the day. It was attended by the following individuals. Reverend KING, Reverend RALPH D. ABERNATHY, Vice President and Treasurer, SCLC, RANDOLPH T. BLACKWELL, Program Director, SCLC, HOSEA WILLIAMS, Director, Voter Registration, SCLC, ANDREW J. YOUNG, Executive Director, SCLC, JAMES HARRISON, Bookkeeper, SCLC, JUNIUS GRIFFIN, Director of Public Relations, SCLC, CHAUNCEY ESKRIDGE, Legal Counselor, SCLC, Mrs. WILLIE B. SADLER, Acting Comptroller, SCLC, CLARENCE JONES and STANLEY LEVISON.

Reverend KING announced this conference was of an emergency nature, the purpose of which was to examine the immediate financial condition of SCLC and endeavor to determine methods of increasing the organization's income.

A financial report submitted by HARRISON reflected that for some time prior to February 12, 1966, income of SCLC had lagged appreciably and accounts payable as of that date approximated \$40,000. Assets of the organization

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consisted of approximately \$23,000 cash maintained in the Citizens Trust Company Bank, Atlanta, and savings accounts maintained by SCLC in several banks located in various cities. These savings accounts constituted a reserve of approximately \$35,000. An additional reserve was mentioned and appeared to consist of some type of stock certificate having a present potential value of about \$140,000.

HARRISON submitted a recommendation of the SCLC Finance Office that in view of anticipated income from existing sources (not identified) SCLC avoid borrowing money so as not to encumber itself with additional debt.

Reverend KING explained that the thought of SCLC's struggling through financial difficulties placed a mental burden upon him which curbed energy he required for other necessary activity. Consequently, Reverend KING said he desired that SCLC's debtor status be eliminated in order that he would not be plagued with this burden.

SADLER pointed out to Reverend KING that his budget as of the present time was in arrears regarding travel expenses. Reverend KING emphatically stated he would not tolerate his activity being restricted in any manner. He declared that at any time his travel expenses exceeded the amount which had been budgeted therefore it would be necessary to adjust the organization's budget in this respect. Reverend KING stated, however, he insisted upon being advised when organizational expenditures by SCLC staff members exceeded the budgeted figure for their respective departments.

The conference then gave consideration to several means of raising funds for SCLC.

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Reverend KING recommended SCLC borrow \$35,000 from the Citizens Trust Company. This loan would be secured only on the signatures of Reverend KING, ABERNATHY and YOUNG.

Source advised that as of February 13, 1966 negotiations to obtain this loan were being undertaken.

At the conference Reverend KING suggested the loan from the Citizens Trust Company be repaid with money realized from solicitation of churches. He observed that this was a potential source of funds upon which SCLC to date had not pursued to any great extent. The conference decided that YOUNG assisted by CAROL HOOVER, Director of Special Events, SCLC, would draw up a list of churches to be contacted. The initial manner of contacting these churches was not decided. However, it was agreed that ABERNATHY will follow the initial contact with a telegram and if a contribution is not forthcoming within one week ABERNATHY will follow the telegram with a phone call.

To assist in repaying the Citizens Trust Company, LEVISON suggested that certain labor organizations (not identified) also be solicited for contributions. LEVISON and JONES accepted responsibility for handling solicitation of these organizations.

The conference agreed that the foregoing two solicitation programs could be expected to produce \$50,000 which would leave a surplus over the amount borrowed from the Citizens Trust Company.

As a precautionary measure against unexpected financial difficulty, the conference requested ESKRIDGE to negotiate a loan with a Chicago bank (not identified) which could be obtained by SCLC on extremely short notice at some future date. The exact amount of this loan was not prescribed during the conference. It also agreed that

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ESKRIDGE's negotiations should concern an amount which will be secured by a stock certificate handled by Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith, Inc., which the conference understood has a current potential market value of \$140,000. Source was unable to furnish any details regarding this stock.

The conference agreed to look into the possibility of implementing a suggestion made by ESKRIDGE. ESKRIDGE suggested a radio program be obtained which would feature Reverend KING and also possibly ABERNATHY. This program would be a short Sunday morning program produced by a number of radio stations throughout the country and in essence would be an appeal for contributions to SCLC.

The conference discussed a fund raising activity which source advised apparently had been initially organized by SCLC prior to the date of this conference. Source was unable to advise who may have actually originated this activity but understood HARRY WACHTEL is concerned in some manner with the administration of this activity. This will consist of a fund raising in three European cities which will commence during March, 1966. Two of these cities are London, England and Paris, France. The third city is located in a Scandanavian country, the identity of which source was unable to advise. In each of these cities SCLC contemplates that most of the fund raising effort (not discussed in detail) will be undertaken by a local bank and local residents. From this activity SCLC contemplates realizing up to \$200,000.

In regard to this European activity, LEVISON voiced his opinion that \$200,000 was an unrealistic expectation. He did not say what he expected SCLC would realize from this activity but indicated he definitely felt it would be less than \$200,000.

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It was also discussed that during the month of March, 1966 SCLC, through the assistance of HARRY BELAFONTE, will hold a concert program in Chicago. Financial benefit realized from this program will be shared jointly by SCLC and the Coordinating Council of Community Organizations in Chicago.

JONES announced that arrangements had been made with a current popular entertainment group known as the Supremes. This group during its forthcoming tours throughout various sections of the country will solicit financial contributions for SCLC. According to JONES it is anticipated that \$100,000 will be realized from the efforts of this group. JONES also announced that a recording company (not identified) has previously donated approximately 200 records to the American Foundation on Non-Violence (AFN). It is anticipated that these records will be sold for the benefit of SCLC by the AFN of which HARRY WACHTEL is Executive Vice President.

During the conference, LEVISON made brief reference to the mail solicitation program handled by the New York Office of SCLC. He said experience has shown that contributions derived from this program are to a large extent seasonal in amount. LEVISON explained that during the spring months SCLC could reasonably expect its receipts to be appreciably better than other months of the year.

Reverend KING advised the conference that throughout the balance of this year he was confident that his own speaking engagements and concerts given from time to time by his wife, CORETTA SCOTT KING, would realize close to \$100,000 for the benefit of SCLC.

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Source advised that for the most part the individuals attending this conference participated in the various discussions which took place and seemed to share the opinion the conference as a whole was beneficial. No individual attempted to dominate any particular phase of the discussions. Source observed that during the conference Reverend KING evidenced a definite degree of interest and attentiveness to all suggestions and comments made by JONES and LEVISON.

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HARRY BELAFONTE

On October 28, 1958, a confidential source advised that according to JEAN SMITH, Secretary at Communist Party Headquarters, New York, HARRY BELAFONTE, had been a member of the Young Communist League (YCL) before coming into prominence as an entertainer. ~~SECRET~~

The YCL has been designated by the U. S. Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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RANDOLPH BLACKWELL

On February 26, 1953, a confidential source advised RANDOLPH BLACKWELL had been a member of the Communist Party in the District of Columbia.

A confidential source advised that RANDOLPH BLACKWELL attended a Labor Youth League convention on August 13, 1950, at the Algonquin Club, 1400 Fayetteville Street, Durham, North Carolina.

The Labor Youth League has been designated by the U. S. Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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CAROL HOOVER

A news item in "The Atlanta Daily World" (an Atlanta, Georgia, daily Negro newspaper), dated May 21, 1965, titled "Albany 'Justice' Assailed" datelined Hapeville, Georgia, sets forth information regarding a semi-annual board meeting of the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF) held in Hapeville during the previous weekend. The article reports that Miss CAROL HOOVER, Atlanta, Georgia, an administrative assistant at the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) was one of four new members added to the board of SCEF at this meeting.

A characterization of the SCEF is attached hereto.

On August 22, 1964, CAROL HOOVER of SCLC, Atlanta, Georgia, told STANLEY LEVISON she was glad to have seen him at a party the previous Wednesday, according to a confidential source.

She also asked LEVISON for a financial contribution to the campaign fund of DONALD L. HOLLOWELL who was running for Judge of the Superior Court, Atlanta, Georgia.

LEVISON advised HOOVER that in response to her request he had contributed \$50.

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CLARENCE JONES

CLARENCE JONES is the General Counsel for the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York City.

A confidential source advised on February 26, 1957, that he had identified a photograph of CLARENCE JONES as a person whom he knew during late 1953 or early 1954 to be a member of, and in a position of leadership in, the Labor Youth League.

The Labor Youth League has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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STANLEY LEVISON

A confidential source advised in April, 1964, that STANLEY LEVISON was a secret member of the Communist Party (CP), USA, in July, 1963. In late 1963, and early 1964, he criticized the CP for not being sufficiently militant in the civil rights struggle. LEVISON was described by certain CP leaders as being to the "left" of the CP in his position in civil rights. LEVISON's differences with the CP, however, are merely tactical and he continues his ideological adherence to Communism. *ASU*

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HARRY WACHTEL

HARRY WACHTEL is the Executive Vice President of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York, New York. He resides at 29 Split Rock Drive, King Point, Long Island, New York.

A confidential source furnished information in December, 1949, that HARRY H. WACHTEL, 41 Broad Street, New York, New York, was on the list of individuals carried as active members of the National Lawyers Guild.

A characterization of the National Lawyers Guild is attached hereto.

On March 5, 1944, a confidential source furnished information which revealed that the name HARRY WACHTEL was on the list of names, significance not known, which was maintained at the Headquarters of the Kings County Communist Party at 26 Court Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Regarding HARRY WACHTEL's wife, LEONORA, it is noted that the same confidential source furnished information on March 5, 1944, which revealed her name and address were on a list of names of newly-elected officers of the Bath Beach Club of the Kings County Communist Party.

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GANDHI SOCIETY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

The Gandhi Society for Human Rights was formed for the purpose of developing a philosophy and technique of non-violent civil rights protests. It is a non-action organization and makes no attempt to influence legislation nor participate in demonstrations. The Society furnishes legal assistance in certain civil rights cases. The organization was incorporated June 14, 1962.

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SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC.

"The Southern Patriot," a monthly publication, shows that it is published by the SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC. (SCEF).

"The Southern Patriot" was cited as an "Organ" of the SOUTHERN CONFERENCE FOR HUMAN WELFARE (SCHW) by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, on the SCHW, June 12, 1947.

The SCHW was cited as a communist front by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, June 16, 1947.

An amendment to the charter of the SCHW changed the name of that organization to the SCEF, and listed its purpose as being to improve the educational and cultural standards of the Southern people in accordance with the highest American democratic institutions, traditions, and ideals. The amendment was dated April 26, 1946.

A source advised on March 2, 1961, that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, a Communist Party functionary, stated at a meeting of the Communist Party in Baltimore, Maryland, on February 25, 1961, that the Communist Party is not connected with any progressive movement but indirectly they do have some influence in the SCEF.

A second source, who is familiar with some phases of Communist Party activity in the New Orleans area, advised on June 2, 1965, that during the time the SCHW was in existence, Communist Party (CP) members have not been encouraged to work in the SCEF. The source stated the SCEF is a progressive, liberal organization, which he considers a CP front organization because it has gone along with the Communist Party on certain issues, particularly on the racial question.

On June 2, 1964, the second source advised that in the past he has considered JAMES DOMBROWSKI, the Executive Director of the SCEF, to be a Communist, if not an actual Communist Party member, because he followed communist principles.

The second source advised on May 27, 1963, that many people who are officials and members of the SCEF, while liberal in their views, are by no means communists.

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THE NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, to supersede Guide published on May 14, 1951, by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following information concerning "The National Lawyers Guild:"

1. Cited as a Communist front.

(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311, on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149).

2. Cited as a Communist front which "is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations and controlled unions" and which "since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individuals members thereof, including known espionage agents." (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally released September 17, 1950.)

3. "To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the *** National Lawyers' Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection."

(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)

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Character	INTERNAL SECURITY - C INTERNAL SECURITY - C
Reference	Letterhead Memorandum, dated captioned as above, at Atlanta, Georgia.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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"On 1/10/66 Mrs. Sadler asked James Harrison what did R. T. Blackwell do, in other words, what is his position in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Harrison told her that his position was program director but as to what exactly he did, he did not know.

"Mrs. Sadler said that Mr. Blackwell was originally hired by SCLC with the understanding that he would recover some \$200,000 in SCLC bail bond money scattered throughout the south. She said that he had not as yet recovered that money himself and that Chauncey Eskridge was contacted and a group of lawyers from his law firm had to undertake the job; as to whether or not they recovered the money is not known at this time."

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"Robert Green, in charge of SCLC's Citizenship School, is paid by the National Council of Churches.

"Harold Middlebrooks obtained a new car early in 1965. This was one of the cars which SCLC purchased as an organization at a price advantage and sold to employees. When Middlebrooks recently left SCLC he kept his car even though he had not fully paid SCLC for it. At the time he said he would pay but did not do so.

"Recently Randolph Blackwell sent Robert Seals to bring this car back from Middlebrooks. Middlebrooks refused to let Seals have the car."

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- 1 - 100-5718 (SCLC)**
- 1 - 100-5586 (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)**
- 1 - 44-1767 (Alabama Boycott)**
- 1 - 157-913 (Selma March)**
- 1 - 157-698 (R. T. BLACKWELL)**
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"SCLC realized over \$1,000,000.00 from donations and contributions to the organization from individuals throughout the country following the march on Selma which took place during the spring of 1965. This amount of money was realized in approximately two months following the march on Selma.

"SCLC's Alabama Boycott project has, during the past several months, disintegrated into practically nothing. RANDOLPH BLACKWELL and ERIC KINDBERG were very interested in this project and were pushing it. However, it is believed the main weakness in the project was that Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., President of SCLC, did not fully understand what was involved and how the boycott should be pursued."

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- 1 - 157-621 (ANDREW J. YOUNG)
- 1 - 100-6563 (C. T. VIVIAN)

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"As of the present time, it would appear that the following three SCLC officials are the most competent individuals in the organization. These individuals are namely; RANDOLPH BLACKWELL, Program Director; ANDREW YOUNG, Executive Assistant to Reverend KING; and CORDY VIVIAN, who is Director of Affiliates.

"Basically each of these individuals is an opportunist."

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"RANDOLPH BLACKWELL, while an extremely competent individual in his position of Program Director, appears not to have any particular qualms about taking action against a person behind his back. BLACKWELL in his normal position has opportunity to obtain supplies and materials for SCLC and at this time it is believed that he may be accepting some remuneration from suppliers in order to order materials from them.

"It is understood that Reverend RALPH ABERNATHY has been named in the SCLC organization as the number two man who will assume leadership of the organization in the event of some misfortune occurring to Reverend KING. In this regard, it has been observed that ABERNATHY and Reverend KING in recent months have not appeared to be entirely compatible."

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Rights Leaders To Participate In Panel Talks

Leaders from five of the organizations which have been involved in the civil rights movement will participate in a panel discussion Saturday at 8 p.m. at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church.

The Atlanta Chapter of the Episcopal Society for Cultural and Racial Unity will sponsor the program in an attempt to put together a comprehensive picture of the entire civil rights movement.

OLIVER HOLMES, associate director of the Georgia Council on Human Relations, will moderate the discussion. Other panel members include H. Julian Bond, state representative from Fulton County and communications director of Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee; Rev. Samuel W. Williams, Baptist minister and president of the Atlanta branch of the National Association for Advancement of Colored People; John Yungblut, director of Quaker House, and Randolph Blackwell, program director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

The local chapter of the Episcopal Society has invited members from two of its counterparts in other churches, St. Martin's Council of the Roman Catholic Church and the Presbyterian Interracial Council. College students from Canterbury Clubs in the area and from the National Student Association have also been invited to attend.

ESCRU, with 5,000 members, has its national headquarters in Atlanta.

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"In regard to Albert Sampson, Field Secretary, SCLC, Reverend Abernathy had previously instructed the SCLC Finance Office to deduct from Sampson's pay check money to cover a check furnished by SCLC to Delta Airlines. On 11/30/65, Reverend Abernathy suggested that if Sampson could show evidence that the particular travel had been made in connection with SCLC business, then money which had been deducted from his pay check would be refunded to him. During the first few days of December, 1965 Albert Sampson furnished James Harrison of the SCLC Finance Office information which substantiated that the travel in question was performed by him in connection with SCLC business. This information was furnished to Randolph T. Blackwell who signed a requisition permitting the issuance of a check by SCLC to Sampson for approximately \$107 which amount reimbursed him for money which had been deducted from his pay check.

"It is understood that Albert Sampson's home is in the state of Massachusetts."

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- 1 - 100-5719 (SCLC)
- 1 - 157-895 (HOSEA WILLIAMS)
- 1 - 100-5596 (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)
- 1 - 157-699 (R. T. BLACKWELL)
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"On 11/26/65, Hosea Williams stated that a committee consisting of Reverend King, Andrew Young, Randolph T. Blackwell and Hosea Williams gave extensive thought to whether they should or should not inform board members of SCLC that the organization had discovered \$190,000 had been spent by it unintentionally. They felt the board might possibly receive this information unfavorably. Reverend King was concerned that the board might severely admonish Reverend Abernathy for his poor handling of SCLC financial matters and his obviously not being sufficiently aware of actual circumstances. However, the committee eventually decided that SCLC board members should be advised regarding the \$190,000 matter. It is not known whether Reverend Abernathy was admonished in any manner by the board or not."

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- 1 - 100-5586 (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)
- 1 - 157-257 (RALPH ABERNATHY)
- 1 - 157-895 (HOSEA WILLIAMS)
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"On 11/4/65, following the discovery on 11/3/65 that SCLC inadvertently had spent \$150,000 which it thought was laid aside by virtue of a check for this amount which had previously been written, it is understood that Reverend King, Reverend Abernathy, Hosea Williams, Randolph Blackwell and Andrew Young held a meeting. Following this meeting Reverend Abernathy called a meeting of the financial staff of SCLC and advised that half of the finance office would be suspended for a period of time because of a lack of funds to meet the organization's payroll. He also stated that other members of SCLC staff would be cut because the organization cannot meet its tremendous payroll.

"As of 11/3/65, a total of nine people were employed in the SCLC finance office. As a result of the aforementioned meeting on 11/4/65, five people were cut from the finance office. One of these five individuals, Mrs. Mary F. Gatts, was transferred to another department."

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- 1 - 157-621 (ANDREW YOUNG)
- 1 - 100-6563 (C. T. VIVIAN)
- 1 - 157-639 (DOROTHY COTTON)
- ① - 157-698 (R. T. BLACKWELL)
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"On 11/17/65, Reverend King, Andrew Young, Reverend Abernathy, C. T. Vivian, Dorothy Cotton, and Randolph T. Blackwell went either to Washington, D. C. or New York City.

"No exact details are known as to the purpose of this travel or just where these people went. It is rumored among the SCLC office personnel that a meeting with the President of the United States was to take place in Washington, D. C."

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"Ed Clayton resigned from SCLC as of 11/15/65 and it is understood he will work for the Office of Economic Opportunity in Washington, D. C.

"Current rumor among SCLC office personnel indicates that CAROL HOOVER who has had some responsibility for fund raising is understood to be in the process of accepting a position with another organization. It is also rumored that Randolph T. Blackwell is seriously considering accepting a position with the Southern Regional Council in Atlanta. As of the moment both Hoover and Blackwell continue to be employed by SCLC."

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On November 18, 1965, a confidential source advised that as of November 15, 1965 EDWARD T. CLAYTON, former Director of Public Relations, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) resigned from SCLC in order to work for the Office of Economic Opportunity in Washington, D. C.

Source advised that recently SCLC has found it necessary to employ some economy measures in view of its overall financial condition. As a consequence, as of November 18, 1965, MILTON REID, SCLC Field Representative, SAMUEL B. WELLS, SCLC Field Secretary and HAROLD MIDDLEBROOKS, SCLC Field Worker, were dropped from the staff of SCLC.

Source advised that among SCLC employees it is rumored that RANDOLPH T. BLACKWELL, Program Director, SCLC, is seriously considering accepting a position with the Southern Regional Council in Atlanta. Source advised, however, that as of November 18, 1965 BLACKWELL continued in the employ of SCLC.

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RANDOLPH BLACKWELL

On February 26, 1953, a confidential source advised RANDOLPH BLACKWELL had been a member of the Communist Party in the District of Columbia.

A confidential source advised that RANDOLPH BLACKWELL attended a Labor Youth League convention on August 13, 1950, at the Algonquin Club, 1400 Fayetteville Street, Durham, North Carolina.

The Labor Youth League has been designated by the U. S. Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.



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